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SUBJ: TIMBER INDUSTRY EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

REF: A. STATE 210904, B. SILLWAY-KIRBY LETTER OF AUGUST 17,
1978, C. CANBERRA A-181, D. STATE 033031, E. 77 CANBERRA 08245,
F. 77 STATE 271948, G. 77 STATE 271911

1. REFTEL A, WHICH WAS NOT SENT TO CANBERRA, ASKS ADDRESSEE
POSTS TO ADVISE DATES AND SPECIFIC IN-COUNTRY STOPS THIS MARCH
1979 TRADE MISSION. REF B ADVISES THAT "CANBERRA'S ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE HOST CITIES" HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WASHINGTON WILL FIND IN REFERENCED
MESSAGES ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION DESIRED. REFTEL G,
RETRANSMITTED AS REFTEL F, CONTAINED WASHINGTON PROPOSAL FOR
FY 79 EVENT SCHEDULE. TIMBER INDUSTRY TRADE MISSION WAS
PROPOSED, WITH ONLY PROPOSED STOP IN AUSTRALIA BEING BRISBANE.

3. EMBASSY RESPONDED IN REFTEL E, WELCOMING MISSION FOR
BRISBANE AND SUGGESTING THAT IF MISSION WERE TO BE
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SCHEDULED FORM PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO AUSTRALIA, A STOP IN
CAIRNS TO SERVE THE SPECIALIZED HARDWOOD INDUSTRY SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED. USDOC RESPONDED IN REFTEL D, LAUDING THIS
SUGGESTION AND CONFIRMING MISSION FOR BRISBANE WITH A
STOP IN CAIRNS INCLUDED.

4. CMM INFORMED EMBASSY BY LETTER OF JUNE 20, 1978, THAT

OPERATION PLANNING DIVISION OF USDOC QUESTIONED VIABILITY OF MISSION. EMBASSY WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MARKET INFORMATION, WHICH WAS DONE BY REFAIR C, A COPY OF WHICH WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO CMM ON JULY 21.

5. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE THAT WASHINGTON HAS PROPOSED TRADE MISSION FOR ANY AUSTRALIAN CITIES OTHER THAN BRISBANE (INCLUDING CAIRNS STOP). EMBASSY AND CINSITUENT POSTS CERTAINLY HAVE NOT MADE SUCH A PROPOSAL. ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMENDATION FOR AUSTRALIA CONTINUES TO BE THAT CONTAINED IN REFTEL E, AS SUPPORTED BY DATA IN REFAIR C.

6. EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST WITH RESPECT TO DATES, INASMUCH AS THREE COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED AND COORDINATED ITINERARY IS REQUIRED, THAT TRADE MISSION SET FORTH ITS PROPOSED ITINERARY. TO PROPOSE DATES FOR BRISBANE STOP WOULD SEEM TO SERVE NO PURPOSE UNTIL DATES FOR PRIOR TWO STOPS ARE KNOWN.

7. THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES A RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF ALL AUSTRALIAN POSTS.
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